

Appln. No. 10/004,958
Amendment dated Jan. 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated Dec. 27, 2005
Docket No. 6818-28

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are offered in response to the Office Action of December 27, 2005 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due.

Applicant, as an initial matter, wishes to thank the Examiner for his thorough examination of the application. In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In order to expedite prosecution and to allow the remaining claims to issue, Applicant has cancelled Claim 13. Additionally, Applicant has amended Claim 7 to correct a minor typographical error.

Applicant believes that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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